

NEW SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HANNA-PAYN

All American Built Ships Rated at A 1 A
to Receive a Subsidy Except Oil
Tank Shps Owned and Operated Exclu-
sively by the Standard Oil Compan-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Republic-
members of the House and Senate commit-
having jurisdiction over the Hanna-Parr
Shipping bill have agreed upon a substitu-
for the pending measure, and it was int-

delays in reporting the bill from the two committees has been occasioned by the opposition of four Republicans in each committee whose votes were necessary to bring the bill to the opposition House principally for certain provisions relating to the question of policy in passing a subsidy by the President. The action also was delayed prior to the Presidential election also by the opposition of the same four Republicans to the Commerce Committee. At a conference held last night at Senator Hanna's residence, that Senator, representing the Republican members of the Senate Commerce Committee, and the bill, accepted many of the amendments proposed by the dissenting Republican members of the committee. It was agreed to draw up a substitute for the pending bill.

The main features of the new bill are these: vessels built prior to Jan. 1, 1908, shall draw a subsidy of ten cents per ton for each year after that date may be subsidized for ten years.

decreasing 3 per cent per annum. The vessels are to be rated, and are to maintain a certain rate of effect by being inspected annually. If they fall below this rating, the subsidy is to be cut off. To obtain the subsidy the vessel must carry on its outward trip freight to the amount of one-half of its gross tonnage, allowances being made for bulk in the matter of perishable goods, mail and passengerage. The test of the speed is increased to six hours. Vessels of peculiar construction, adapted for the purpose of carrying mineral oils, in other

istry. This is to prevent the ships owned and operated exclusively by the Standard Oil Corporation from receiving a share of the subsidy. Vessels bought abroad by the United States Government during the Spanish War will be admitted to the benefits of the subsidy without having been purchased by American citizens. All vessels receiving subsidies are to be subject to inspection and the plan of new vessels, built for the purpose of obtaining the subsidy, shall be determined by the United States Coast Guard vessels which have received compensation from the Government under this bill shall not be sold outside the United States without the con-

by the merchant Marine Committee next week.

CANADIANS LOSE HEAVILY.

Nineteen Killed and Sixty-one Wounded
Sunday—Some Americans in the List.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—The *Globe* publishes the following from its special correspondents at the Mother River: "The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We forced the Mosser after a night march and were engaged the whole day.

The dispatch gives a complete list of the casualties among the Canadian troops, showing that nineteen were killed and sixty-one wounded, two are missing, and six, who were lying sick at Waterval Drift, were captured.

A letter special, received this afternoon, emphasized the value of the service rendered

at Waterval Drift. These guns were brought up to assist in the pursuit of Cronje's army. The Boers were fighting a rear guard action and it is probable that the Canadians were the most exposed of the force which had to make good the passage of these naval guns at Waterval Drift. The Canadian force consisted of about one thousand, so their losses were near

The local grief comes nearer and looks bigger than the causes for rejoicing which are supplied by the latest developments in South Africa. Many of the Canadians who suffered in Sunday's fight are members of leading Can-

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 21.—The news of the losses of the Canadians was received with great sorrow here. In west British Columbia and Manitoba flags are flying at half mast and there is a general air of mourning. Among the wounded in the British Columbia list are Leemna, Beach and Todd, all Americans. They came to the coast straight from the

ILLINOIS'S INHERITANCE TAX.
A Decision of the Supreme Court That Will
Delay the Pullman Manual School.
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The decision of the Su-

national institutions, as well as those of purely private nature, must pay an inheritance tax will delay the erection of the Pullman Free Manual Training School. By the will of the late George M. Pullman \$1,200,000 was to be set aside for the purposes of the school and the trustees were ready to carry out the

10 percent, or \$72,000 of the total building and
endowment fund must go to the State make
necessary an alteration in the plans to conform
with the diminished fund.

LAWYERS SHY OF MR. PECKHAM
He Has Difficulty in Getting Five to "Investigate" Justice Fitzgerald.

Wheeler H. Peckham, the president of the

wishes to have serve on the committee to investigate the action of Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald in appointing John F. Carroll receiver for the Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Company, and is waiting to find out whether or not it will be successful.

Mr. Beckham, it was said last evening, has had a great deal of difficulty in finding lawyers who are willing to go on the committee. Many of those who have been approached have said that they thought the subject had better be dropped.

April, and it was said last evening that if Mr. Peckham was a candidate for the presidency again there would be a very strong opposition to him.

KEARSARGE FOR THE FLAGSHIP

The Battleship to Take the New York's Place in the North Atlantic Squadron.

Word was received yesterday at the Brooklyn Navy Yard that the Battleship Kearsarge

News a few days ago, is to become the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron in place of the cruiser New York. After the transfer of the pennant at Hampton Roads, about the close of March, the New York will be brought to the Brooklyn yard for a complete overhauling, of which she is said to be much in need, as she has not been out of commission for more than two years. An order has been received at the Brooklyn yard to prepare a band for the

H. O. Havemeyer Gives \$1,000 to a School.
GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 21.—Henry O. Havemeyer, who gave a \$200,000 school building to this town a few years ago, has given \$1,000 to the Sound Beach School Committee for a new school building and Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, wife of the banker, has subscribed \$1,200 for the

Gruber Takes to Blank Verse.

can louder in the Twenty-first Assembly district, said yesterday that he was out of rhymes, but that he was at work on a blank-verse poem entitled "Quiggers," which he would read at a meeting to be held in the upper end of the district some evening next week.

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